

SMALL BUSINESS JOURNALISTS OF THE YEAR



John Fink
KHNL (NEWS 8) /
K5 The Home Team
Region IX & State of Hawaii

As the general manager of two major television stations, **John Fink** has a unique opportunity to promote small businesses in Hawaii. Hundreds of small firms have benefited by being featured on “Lucky You Live Hawaii,” “Cheap Eats” and programs that reach a wide audience on KHNL (NEWS 8) or K5 The Home Team. These programs bring the concerns and contributions of small businesses to the public while increasing exposure to potential customers. Fink’s leadership resulted in locally focused business programming that features employment opportunities, business and management tips, and even a personal editorial that appears twice each week. *Nominated by: Gregory Sitar, First Hawaiian Bank.*

Whether covering business issues at the State legislature, the effects of September 11 terrorist attacks, or the impact of local elections, **Ben DiPietro** has maintained a commitment to accuracy, impartiality and inclusiveness in his reporting. He has worked for 11 years with Associated Press and for two years with Pacific Business News. Focused on business, he’s written about everything from taxes and regulatory reform to unemployment issues. Ben’s coverage of business has highlighted the significance of small business to the health of the state economy, the money it contributes to state tax revenues, the new jobs they create, and the number of people they employ. *Nominated by: Gabriel Lee, American Savings Bank.*



Ben DiPietro
Freelance Writer
City & County of Honolulu



Hugh Clark
(Formerly with
Honolulu Advertiser)
County of Hawaii

For over thirty years, **Hugh Clark** reported the latest trends as well as the challenges for economic development efforts on the Big Island. As the Big Island Bureau Chief for the Honolulu Advertiser, Clark demonstrated great journalistic ability, a solid understanding of business principles, and an insight to the impacts that changes in industry and technology might have on the future of Hawaii. He covered the dramatic shift from plantations to small business, the impacts of micro-business and big boxers, of astronomy and geo-thermal projects, and many small businesses and trades, whether highly successful or struggling for survival. *Nominated by: Marcella Stroh, Central Pacific Bank.*

A 15 year veteran of the Maui News, **Harry Eagar** follows the full range of business activity on Maui, with features on diverse industries like agriculture, high tech and tourism. He highlights issues impacting small businesses to inform readers on their contribution to a thriving economy. His daily “Money Matters” and the weekly “Tides of Commerce” columns highlight interesting local small businesses, individual business achievements and business related activity. *Nominated by: Steve Williams, First Hawaiian Bank.*



Harry Eagar
The Maui News
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